

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) provides the following facilities/concessions to students with Dyslexia:—

- (i) They are exempted from examination in the third language, and have option of studying one compulsory language as against two at the grade X level, which should be in consonance with the spirit of the Three Language Formula prescribed by the Board.
- (ii) They are permitted to use an amanuensis and are allowed an additional 60 minutes (one hour) for each paper of external examination.

Hindi Vishwavidyalaya

1454. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) when was the Hindi Vishwavidyalaya established and what is the progress regarding acquisition of land, construction of building, etc.;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Vice-Chancellor of this Vishwavidyalaya resides permanently or for most of the time in Delhi;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal for bringing Hindi Departments of all the Universities in India under this university, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya commenced its activities with effect from 29th December, 1997 with the appointment of its First Vice Chancellor (VC). The Government of Maharashtra has provided 112.5 acres of land free of cost. A detailed project report for campus development is being prepared by the Education Consultant India

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Ltd. One building as the site office alongwith four staff quarters have already been constructed.

(b) and (c) As per information furnished by the University, the First Executive Council in its meetings held on 10th October, 1998 and 165th March, 2000 resolved that in view of the international character of the University and the need to evolve new courses, network international initiatives, expedite University development in consultation with the experts as well as the UGC and MHRD etc., a camp office should be established in Delhi and the First Vice-Chancellor should function from here. The VC goes and stays at Wardha as and when required. A Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Officer on Special Duty alongwith an Engineering consultant are looking after the development of Wardha campus.

(d) No Sir.

Hostels for working women

1455. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hostels for working women scheme has been in operation since 1972-73;

(b) if so, the number of hostels sanctioned and constructed in different States/four metropolitan cities, since inception of the scheme;

(c) how many working women of lower income groups have been benefited from this scheme;

(d) how many hostels are under construction since the last five years: and

(e) the reasons for the slow progress?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 870 hostels have so far been sanctioned in different States/UTs all over India. A Statement is annexed (*See below*) As per